



Volunteer Opportunities 2014

April-August

Please consider volunteering at your local State Park or Reservoir Property.

Volunteer opportunities are offered all year.

Please contact one near you and inquire how you can help.

Mark your calendars for national volunteer events:

National Volunteer Week - April 6 – 13, 2014

www.pointsoflight.org/signature-events/national-volunteer-week

National Public Lands Day -September 27, 2014- www.publiclandsday.org/

Mounds State Park (Anderson, IN)

Volunteer hands would be appreciated for the following upcoming events:

Geocaching event; April 12 – Poetry Reading and Photo Contest Showing; April 25-27 – Bird the Mounds; June 8 – Free Fishing Day for Hoosiers; June 21- Summer Solstice Celebration; August 8 – National S'mores Day.

This spring, we'll have opportunities to help with school groups. Volunteers willing to help the naturalist with light but important tasks such as filling bird feeders, gardening, or light office work are greatly appreciated too. All volunteers will be trained. Contact interpretive naturalist Jessica Rosier at (765) 649-8128 or email jrosier1@dnr.in.gov to get more information.

Paynetown State Recreation Area (at Monroe Lake in Bloomington, Indiana). Volunteers are needed for several upcoming events:

June 8 (Sunday): People with fishing experience are needed to assist at a “**Family Learn to Fish Workshop.**” Volunteers will help teach attendees how to assemble and use basic fishing equipment, and assist with dock fishing. Volunteers are needed from approx. 10:30 a.m. to noon. Contact Jill Vance at jvance@dnr.IN.gov or (812) 837-9967 for details.

June 21 (Saturday): Volunteers are needed to help with a new special event, **The Fairie Gathering**, which is targeted at children ages 3 to 12. Volunteers will assist with crafts and other activities. Volunteer shifts are expected to be available between 11 a.m. and 9 p.m.; volunteers can assist with just one or two activities or the entire event. Contact Jill Vance at jvance@dnr.IN.gov or 812-837-9967 for details.

June 28 (Saturday): One volunteer is needed to help staff an activity station at Bug Fest, which will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Hilltop Gardens in Bloomington. Contact Jill Vance at jvance@dnr.IN.gov or 812-837-9967 for details.

July 11-13 (Friday-Sunday): Volunteers who demonstrate historic crafts and activities, from the late 1700s through the 1800s are invited to participate in **Heritage Days**. Volunteer re-enactors set up camps and stations to create a Heritage Village for visitors to explore. Volunteers may participate in the entire weekend or just a portion. Contact Rex Watters at rwatters@dnr.IN.gov or 812-837-9546 for details.

August 9 (Saturday): Several volunteers are needed to monitor s'mores stations during our 3rd annual **S'mores Celebration**. Time commitment will be a couple of hours in the evening (probably 7:30 to 9 p.m.). Contact Jill Vance at jvance@dnr.IN.gov or 812-837-9967 for details.

Salamonie and Mississinewa lakes and Ouabache State Park for the Upper Wabash Interpretive Services

Volunteers are needed for several upcoming events:

May 3- Welcome Back Weekend Hikes; June 7 -Outdoor Adventure Showcase and Fishing Derbies; June 21 - Bison Bonanza Bash; July 5, 12 & 19 - Smokey Bear Birthday Parties; August 2 - Ouabache Olympiad; September 6 to 8 – Salamonie September Fest; September 13 – Mighty Mississinewa Triathlon; September 19-20 – Salamonie Riders Rendezvous; October 3 & 4 and 10 & 11 Autumn Camping Weekends; October 17 & 18 and 24 & 25 Autumn Festivals at Ouabache State Park.

Spring School Group season will be starting before we know it. If you are available during the day, we would love help guiding youth experiences with nature. Love to fish? Help with our fishing derbies. All training and materials provided. Salamonie Interpretive Center is looking for administrative volunteers to help take care of our facility. We are interested in greeters, people who would like to do behind the scenes work like making copies and working on the computer, or light to medium cleaning.

View program information at www.dnr.in.gov/uwis or contact Teresa Rody at 260-468-2127 or email trody@dnr.in.gov to get more information.

Versailles State Park

Invasive plant species removal is a great way to be involved year round. All individuals interested are welcome to set up a time with the event coordinator. Trail maintenance volunteers are needed to help with erosion control, sign painting and/or inventory, construction of new rerouted trails, removal of old bridges. This is a physically demanding job but a rewarding one as well. To work on trails contact Brad Walker 812-689-6424 or wwalker1@dnr.in.gov

Turkey Run State Park

Volunteers are needed for several special events in 2014: Earth Day Fest April 18 or 19, Pioneer Heritage Fest July 19, Smokey Bear's Birthday August 2, Archaeology Day August 9, National Public Lands Day Sep't. 27, and Halloween Camping Weekend October 24-25, as well as our Eagles in Flight Weekend January 30-31, 2015. Volunteers are needed in the days preceding the events for prep work, and the day of events for set-up and tear-down, helping with programs and activity stations, and working at visitor information stations. We are also looking for volunteers throughout the year to help out in the nature center, caring for live captive animals, cleaning exhibits and mounts, and answering questions at the information desk. We also need volunteers to adopt a trail or two, keeping it picked up once each month and reporting any problems or broken structures to us. No experience is necessary for any of the above. Contact Barbara Tibbets at 765-597-2654 or btibbets@dnr.IN.gov.

Shades State Park

Volunteers are needed for two special events in 2014: The annual Chautauqua on Saturday, June 28th, and Archaeology Day on Saturday, Sept. 6th. Volunteers are needed for prep work, set-up and tear-down,

helping with programs and activity stations, and working at visitor information stations. We also need volunteers to adopt a trail or two, keeping it picked up once each month and reporting any problems or broken structures to us. Contact Barbara Tibbets at 765-597-2654 or btibbets@dnr.IN.gov.

State Park and Reservoir Campground host opportunities available. Hosts work a minimum of 20 hours per week in exchange for free camping for a specified period of time. The time period varies at sites, based on the number of applicants and on the amount and type of work required. For detailed information about hosting duties and site availability, contact the property where you'd like to serve as a host. List for available sites can be found at <http://www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/2404.htm>

State Park and Reservoir Friends Groups need you. Friends Groups provide a unique support system for our properties. Members are people who love our parks and reservoirs and want to help keep them healthy for future generations. Our friends groups volunteer to help with events, work on trails, fundraiser for specific projects and offer other financial support for the purchase of equipment, supplies or other materials as needed. In the process, the people who belong to these groups meet new people, have opportunities to learn and grow and gain the satisfaction of helping support our sites. List of Friends groups and links can be found at <http://www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/2442.htm>

More State Park and Reservoir volunteer opportunities can be found at the DNR volunteer website <http://www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/2443.htm>

**This was just a short list of volunteer opportunities.
Continue to help these and other agencies in their quest to protect, manage
and teach about Indiana's natural resources.**